



Examiner mailed a first action Allowance, closing prosecution. Subsequently, the issue fee was paid on January 27, 2005. Because the Information Disclosure Statement of November 4, 2004 was actually mailed after mailing of a first Office Action, but did not include the statement required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), the Examiner refused to consider the references therein (Supplemental Notice of Allowability mailed March 11, 2005).

In order to obtain consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement of November 4, 2004, Applicant submits a Request for Continued Examination, together with the appropriate fee. The Information Disclosure Statement, together with the appropriate fee and statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), are provided for consideration by the Examiner. Minor corrections are also made to the specification.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that this application be withdrawn from issue.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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